

through the Internet, each said participator computer connected to an input device to receive input information from a respective user and to an output device, each said user having a user identity;

programming the controller computer to control distributing the communication;

programming the participator computers to enable receiving the communication;

arbitrating with the controller computer, in accordance with predefined rules

including a test for an authenticated user identity, to determine which one of the participator

computers can receive the communication, including a communication of sound, video, a

graphic, a pointer-trigger communication, or a combination thereof, wherein said arbitrating with

said pointer-trigger communication includes said controller computer using said pointer to fetch

a pre-stored communication to the one of the participator computers; and

distributing, in accordance with the predefined rules, the communication in real

time over the Internet to the one of the participator computers.

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8. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said pointer-triggered communication.

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12. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said video and said pointer-triggered communication.

(X) 3
15. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said graphic and said pointer-triggered

~~C4~~ and ~~C5~~ communication.

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18. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said pointer-triggered communication.

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20. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said graphic and said pointer-triggered communication.

21. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said pointer-triggered communication and further including text or ascii.

22. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said graphic and said pointer-triggered communication and further including text or ascii.

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26. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said pointer-triggered communication.

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30. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said video and said pointer-triggered

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communication.

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33. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said graphic and said pointer-triggered communication.

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36. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said pointer-triggered communication.

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38. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said graphic and said pointer-triggered communication.

39. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said pointer-triggered communication and further including text or ascii.

40. (Once Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said graphic and said pointer-triggered communication and further including text or ascii.

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44. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said pointer-triggered

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communication.

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48. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of arbitrating is
carried out with the communication including said video and said pointer-triggered
communication.

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51. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of arbitrating is
carried out with the communication including said graphic and said pointer-triggered
communication.

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54. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of arbitrating is
carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said pointer-
triggered communication.

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56. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of arbitrating is
carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said graphic and
said pointer-triggered communication.

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57. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of arbitrating is
carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said pointer-
triggered communication and further including text or ascii.

58. (Once Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of arbitrating is
carried out with the communication including sound and video and graphic and pointer-triggered

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communication and further including text.

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62. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said pointer-triggered communication.

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66. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said video and said pointer-triggered communication.

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69. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said graphic and said pointer-triggered communication.

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72. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said pointer-triggered communication.

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74. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said graphic and said pointer-triggered communication.

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76. (Once Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with the communication including said sound and said video and said graphic and

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said pointer-triggered communication and further including text or ascii.

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165. A method for using a computer system to distribute communication over

an Internet network, the method including the steps of:

obtaining, for each of a plurality of participant computers, a respective user identity from a controller computer over the Internet network, each said participant computer connected to an input device to receive input information from a respective user and to an output device;

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programming the participant computers to enable communication, including a communication of sound, video, graphic, a pointer-trigger communication, or a combination thereof, wherein said arbitrating with said pointer-trigger communication includes said controller computer using said pointer to fetch a pre-stored communication to the one of the participant computers, wherein said communication is controlled by said user identity;

connecting said participant computers to said Internet network;

sending said communication from one of said computers; and

distributing, in accordance with the predefined rules, said communication in real time over the Internet network to at least one of said participant computers.

II FEE

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

III CONCLUSION

The application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 240-

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